

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
March 17, 2014

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 3-3-14 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY OF MIAMI

Greg Behmer brought in a grant modification letter for Commissioner Francis to sign for the Community of Miami. This is needed due to the bids came in lower than expected. Commissioner West made a motion to have Commissioner Francis sign the modification request. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis and Auditor Lilley sign the “authorized signatures for payment request” for the Community of Miami. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the Block Grant Agreement. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

MIDWEST TOXICOLOGY SERVICES

Susie Fields came before the Board with information on the services offered at Midwest Toxicology. They do Drug and Alcohol testing currently at the Miami County Highway Department as well as many other Highway and Sheriff’s departments. They do have mobile units where they can do testing on site. The standard is 50% of employees for drug testing and 10% for alcohol testing. Commissioner Francis asked about testing for Elected Officials because he would certainly volunteer. Ms. Fields said we would have to check the statute because she is not sure that is allowable. Commissioner Francis stated that everyone that works for the County is paid by tax dollars and should be held to a certain degree of responsibility. The Commissioners would decide what kind of program they would like to see in Miami County, and MTS would work out a package that would fit their needs.

HIGHWAY

Janice Clemons asked for the Commissioners approval to advertise for Highway materials. After some discussion, Commissioner West made a motion to advertise for bids with April 7 at 9 am for receiving then and 11am for awarding them. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

SJCA (formally Stephen Christenson Company)

Dick Robertson came before the Commissioners to inform them that the Stephen J Christenson Company is now SJCA. SJCA provides engineering and surveying services. Mr. Robertson gave the Board some information and asked them to call if they are in need of those services.

OJS BUILDING SERVICES

Brandon Cole gave an overview on his company, which helps save energy cost.

INSURANCE

The Board received a statement of values from Saine-Summers Insurance. Commissioner West made a motion for Chairman Josh Francis to sign the statement. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen informed the Board that Wabash Valley Power is installing a new line out at the base and there are five deciduous trees that they would like to remove in order to lay the line. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the removal of the trees. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### SHERIFF

The Sheriff had an employee leave and move to another area. He asked the Board if the Auditor could send their last check by certified mail so they would not have to make trip back. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the Auditor to send certified mail. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. (The Sheriff stated all items issued to this employee was turned back in)

#### MCEDA

Jim Tidd stopped in to remind the Commissioners that he will be asking for the additional monies at the Council meeting on Tuesday evening.

#### HEALTH BOARD

Commissioner West made a motion to reappoint Dr. Zandi to the Health Board. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to appoint Kearney Jones to the Washington Township Board. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Tammy Gamble as the Flood Plain Administrator. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### DOG CONTROL CONTRACT

Commissioner West made a motion to award the dog control contract to Kulla's. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS

The Board discussed the effectiveness of only having 2 meetings a month instead of 4. The Mondays that they are not in session as the Board of Commissioners, they have been able to schedule other County related meetings. Commissioner Francis stated that out of the last 11 working days he has had County related meetings on 8 of those days. There is so much going on in Miami County now (Comprehensive Plan, MCEDA, working on budget issues, US 31 Corridor, flood plain, etc.) that having those two extra days for meetings has been very helpful.

#### IT

John Evans informed the Board that the server at the Highway department is dead. Everything is on local drives but it is not possible to back it up. It is possible to hook them up to go wireless and they could hook up to our back up system as well as EMA. Kris Marks told the Board that he did not have the money to do that so the Board would have to do it. BOC will talk with Brad Smith at the Highway.

#### EMA

Kris Marks gave some information to the Board regarding the purchase of a machine to fill sand bags. It would cost approximately \$5,800 but Mr. Marks feels it would be very advantages with the storm season coming. Commissioner Francis asked him to get the information for him because the Moose looks for projects to help the community.

Mr. Marks also brought a grant application for REMC. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the grant application. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DUCKWALL

Council President Ralph Duckwall asked that a member of the Board of Commissioners attend meeting Friday morning regarding the cooperation of the Chamber and MCEDA. Chairman Francis will attend.

COUNCIL MEMBER MC AULIFFE

Councilman McAuliffe asked the Board if the new church that is holding services at the Community Building at the Fairgrounds is paying anything for utilities. He stated that it is not right for the County to pay the utilities and the new church use it. The County pays a portion of the utilities and that portion has remained the same. The Commissioners have no idea if they collect money from anyone else.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Hamman was out of the room).

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Joshua Francis**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Jerry Hamman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**